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REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 19-21, 23-25, and 31 are pending in the present application. No additional claims fee is believed to be due.

Claims 4 and 22 are canceled without prejudice.

Claims 1 and 19 are amended to state that the immediately adjacent unattached spaced apart zones are spaced apart from each other by a distance between 0.5 mm and 10 mm. Support for the amendment can be found on page 10, lines 18-20.

Claim 19 is further amended to correct the spelling of "topsheet".

Claims 14 and 31 are amended to correct the spelling of "sandwiched".

It is believed these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter. Consequently, entry of these changes is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102 Over Luizzi

Claims 1 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Luizzi (EP 1 013 291 A1). Claims 1 and 19 are amended to state that the immediately adjacent unattached spaced apart zones are spaced apart from each other by a distance between 0.5 mm and 10 mm. The Applicants submit that Luizzi, as cited, does not teach that the spaced apart zones are spaced apart from each other by a distance between 0.5 mm and 10 mm. FIG. 6 of Luizzi illustrates a sanitary napkin having a multi-line adhesive pattern but does not disclose the spacing between the lines of adhesive. Therefore, the Applicants submit that Luizzi does not disclose each and every element of Claims 1 and 19 of the present application. The Applicants respectfully request that Claims 1 and 19 be allowed.

Claims 2, 3, 5-7, 9, 11, 12, 14, and 15 depend upon Claim 1 and Claims 20, 21, 23-25, and 31 depend upon Claim 19. As discussed above, the Applicants submit that Claims 1 and 19 are allowable. Therefore, the Applicants submit that Claims 2, 3, 5-7, 9,

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11, 12, 14, 15, 20, 21, 23-25, and 31 are also allowable. The Applicants respectfully request that Claims 2, 3, 5-7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 20, 21, 23-25, and 31 be allowed.

Rejection Under 35 USC §103(a) Over Luizzi

Claims 4 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Luizzi (EP 1 013 291 A1). The rejections are moot because Claims 4 and 22 are canceled.

Conclusion

This response represents an earnest effort to place the present application in proper form and to distinguish the invention as claimed from the applied reference. In view of the foregoing, entry of the amendment presented herein, reconsideration of this application, and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

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